

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS

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COMMENTS FOR: HB 1260

Bethany Castro
self, nonprofit director
Victoria, TX

My name is Bethany Castro and I support HB 1260 because Texas homeless crisis systems need to be strengthened through a statewide homeless data-sharing network. This study will create research to ensure effective and productive communication between service providers across our state which will help people get off the streets and into housing sooner. Locally, larger agencies use their own data management systems while smaller organizations, like the one I run, are left to our own devices to purchase data management systems from our limited budget. A comprehensive data management system is truly needed to effectively allow communication between agencies in one area, or even across regions, so we can recognize and address the cycles that perpetuate homelessness.

Sarah Soule-Jensen
Myself
Austin, TX

My name is Sarah Soule-Jensen and I support HB 1260 because Texas homeless crisis systems need to be strengthened through a statewide homeless data-sharing network. This study will create research to ensure effective and productive communication between service providers across our state which will help people get off the streets and into housing sooner.

Daniel Kuehn
Texas Homeless Network
Austin, TX

My name is Daniel Kuehn and I support HB 1260. Texas homeless crisis systems need to be strengthened through a statewide homeless data-sharing network. This study will create research to ensure effective and productive communication between service providers across our state which will help people get off the streets and into housing sooner. Efforts like this one have proven successful in other parts of the country which not only helps coordinate between service providers but also had the added benefit of helping track COVID in the homeless community. It can be used for many other value adds like vaccine distribution for this vulnerable population.
